Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021 at 02:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to dominate through the period. Lower confidence for the northwards extent of snow, especially on Thursday.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Jan 2021: Cold with hazy sunshine through morning before hill fog and snowfall sets in.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	40%	60%	40%	30%

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Weather: A cold, bright start and some morning sunshine, this soon turning hazy as cloud approaches from the south. Cloud will descend onto the hills through afternoon bringing some patchy snowfall, perhaps briefly heavy in the south.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, falling 30% through afternoon.

Visibility: No issues through morning. Cloud will become extensive above 500-700m through afternoon in association with snowfall. Best shelter across northern foothills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/9 SE	11/14 SE	14/18 SE	15/19 SE	16/21 SE	15/19 SE	8/11 E
900	3/4 SE	7/9 S	13/17 SE	10/13 SE	13/19 SE	11/16 SE	5/7 E
600	3/3 SE	3/5 NW	5/7 SE	4/7 NE	5/9 SE	4/8 E	3/6 N
300	1/2 E	1/3 NE	3/5 W	2/5 N	3/5 NE	3/5 S	3/5 NE
Glen	2/3 SW	2/4 NE	2/5 E	2/5 E	3/5 N	3/7 NE	2/6 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-14	-7/-14	-7/-14	-6/-13	-6/-13	-6/-13	-6/-11
900	-4/-6	-4/-8	-3/-8	-2/-7	-2/-8	-3/-8	-3/-7
600	-3/-5	-4/-6	-1/-4	-2/-5	-1/-3	-1/-3	-2/-4
300	-8/-11	-8/-10	-2/-4	-0/-2	-1/-3	-1/-3	-1/-3
Glen	-12/-16	-7/-12	-2/-4	-0/-2	-1/-2	-1/-4	-1/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	100m	200m	200m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold with freezing levels towards Glen level. Sunshine giving some glare off the snowfields through morning. Be aware of deteriorating conditions through afternoon.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Jan 2021

Weather: Thick cloud and patchy snow will clear southwards through morning to leave a dry and often clear day. This cloud may return to southern ranges later in the day, although there is some uncertainty in this aspect of the forecast.

Maximum wind: East 10-20mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% improving 70%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above around 600-800m and some snow flurries will limit visibility to a kilometre or so at times through morning and perhaps again through evening. Otherwise skies likely clearer through afternoon at least across the northern ranges.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 to minus 3, rising to zero through daylight hours.
At 800m: Minus 7 to minus 9.
Freezing level: 100m north, 300-400m south.

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